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## November Meeting Highlights

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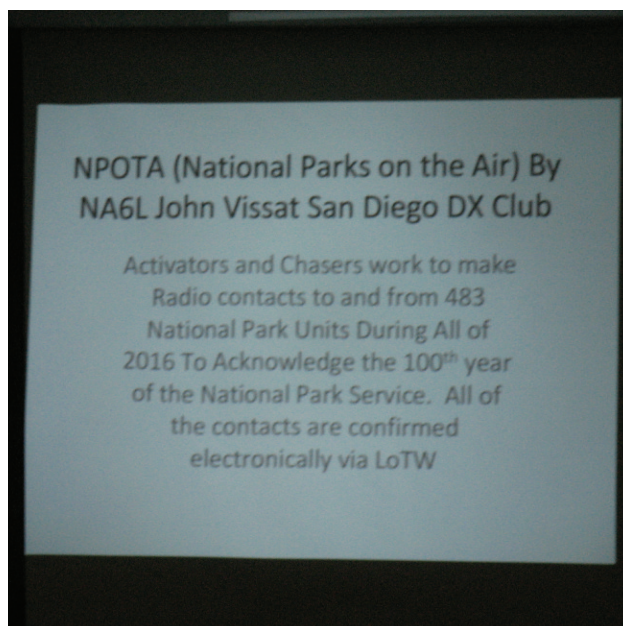
We had a great meeting in November. John NA6L gave a presentation on National Parks on the Air. John discussed his experiences traveling all over the western US activating National Parks. He accomplished activating those parks with his mobile rig and a couple of antennas that could be used in stationary locations. The set up worked great, and he made hundreds of contacts. John's presentation was most enjoyable.

With the close of the November meeting we saw the close of nominations for Officers, board members, and Ham of the Year. Given that no board positions are contested, and there is only one Ham of the Year nominee, an election this year is unnecessary.

Other than our meeting; November was



an active month behind the scenes. Club technical committee members installed the new controller and UHF digital repeater, along with moving all the equipment from our rack, and installing it into our host's unused rack space. Phase one of our system upgrade is complete. Phase two will revolve around providing uninterruptible power for our three repeaters. See our new lash-up on the next page \*\*\*\*\*







## ARCEC 2017 Board of Directors

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## NEW SOCIAL CHAIR NEEDED

Terry, K6TRY, our current Social Chair is stepping down. We need to find someone to volunteer for this position. The Social Chair is responsible for setting up the refreshments at the meeting and re-supplying items when needed. Any help would be appreciated

## Fry's Operating Day

*By Sue Robins AF6LJ*

*Pictures by Pat K6PFG and Sue AF6LJ*



ARCEC members made a good showing at the twice yearly Fry's Operating Day event held at the San Diego Fry's Electronics Parking lot. There was a lighter than normal turn out, likely due to this being one of the very few Operating day events scheduled for a Sunday. The San Diego amateur radio community was well represented by all the clubs that set up this year. Free hot dogs were provided by the folks over at the 440 Hangout booth. All manner of portable stations were shown and the general public was impressed by the diverse array of gear seen at the Operating Day. Over on the following page will be some Operating Day goodness in the form of pictures provided by Pat K6PFG, thank you Pat for your contribution.

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ARCEC booth Pat WA6MHZ running his VHF GO Kit.



A nice bicycle mobile set up.



Another Fry's Operating Day enters the history books, maybe not the largest, but they all are good. Join us next Spring for another Fry's Operating Day and help spread the good word of amateur radio to the general public.

## Club Shirts & Jackets

We have club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.



This is just one of the number of solar powered portable stations seen at Operating day. Solar is gaining in popularity as a means of portable power.



## Our Tower Trailer Needs A New Home

The current storage location for the club's antenna tower will not be available very soon. The club is looking for a volunteer willing to store the tower trailer. The new location must be secure, and 24 hour access is highly desired. If anyone wants to volunteer to store the trailer, or, has any suggestions on where to store the antenna trailer, please contact any officer or board member.

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## 2017 Yuma Hamfest

2017 Yuma Hamfest and site of the ARRL's Arizona Section Convention Feb. 17-18, 2017  
Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ 85365

Seminars, DXCC card checking, Country store, Exhibits, and much more. See

<http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

For more information.

## Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See

<http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.

## Next Month's Meeting

**The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
Annual Christmas Party, and Pot Luck  
Dinner**

## New Resources

     	<b>New Battery Supply &amp; Battery Recycling for SD</b> New Marine Battery-Heavy Equipment Battery-Tuck/Auto <b>619Battery.com</b> Shop 619-448-5323 Mobile 619-315-5604 Call/Text 1985 Friendship Dr B El Cajon 92020 <b>Jeff Schwen</b>
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Recently Mark KB6PJU and Terry K6TRY had some tree trimming done by one of the local tree trimming services. As often happens the question regarding all that wire and stuff in the air came up. It was explained they are amateur radio operators. Another question came up in their conversation, that being can their bucket truck be used for hanging wire antennas and the like? Well it turns out this company will for a reasonable cost lend the services of their bucket truck for the purpose of minor antenna work. Mark and Terry thought it would be good to pass this information along. And there you have it another very useful service made available to us amateur radio operators. There is a cost involved, however I am told it is reasonable.

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	<b>Heilig's Tree Service</b> Licensed - Bonded - Insured  Ron Heilig Owner Ph. (619) 445-7113 Fax. (619) 441-9639
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## Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

**Dell Awards**  
**7949 Broadway**  
**Lemon Grove, CA 91945**  
**(619) 469-2100**  
**Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm**  
**Sat 10am-1pm**  
**Sun - Closed**

## Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.



## Youth Net

A new net, Youth Ham net begins on Thursday night, July 21, 2016. This net is aimed toward young hams. The net will be on every Thursday (except Club Meeting Thursdays) from 7-8 PM on the El Cajon 2 meter repeater. If you are a young ham, or a new ham this net is for you.

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## The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark KB6PJU has been conducting a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF repeater. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Fridays. If you want to learn Mores Code, hone your skills, and improve your speed the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group is for you.

You can discuss the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group here;

<http://www.arrl.org/forum/topics/view/1536>

And here;

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/new-2-meter-repeater-cw-teaching-method-developed.492738/>

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We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

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**WA6BGS**

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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:    Individual (\$20/year)    Family\* (\$35/year)

Membership Status:    New    Renewal    Returning Member

Call Sign    First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member:    Yes    No

License Class:    Technician    General    Extra    Other

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

**Submitting this form:**

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
P.O. Box 50  
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

**Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.**

**Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.**

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